

Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency
Arising from the Imminent Threat of the spread of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, Section 50-155, Code of Ordinances, grants the Mayor, the authority to proclaim a state of emergency whenever in the Mayor's judgment a state of major emergency or disaster is imminent or exists; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19, as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the WHO Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of March 11, 2020, the CDC has reported that there have been 938 cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 29 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 constitutes a natural calamity and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of a state of emergency provides the City the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of Kansas City residents; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to employ all means available under the law to protect public life, health, safety and property to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19 creating this emergency; NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED:

That a State of Emergency exists in the City of Kansas City, Missouri, beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020 and lasting until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, because of the threat of the spread of COVID-19.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that in addition to all other powers granted by the laws of this state and the Charter and ordinances of the city, the Mayor is authorized to take the following actions to protect life and property:

- (1) To temporarily waive routine administrative and budgetary requirements that may impede the effective delivery of essential public services;
- (2) To order the evacuation of areas where there is a threat to public health and safety, and to designate any public place, public street, thoroughfare, boulevard or parking area and any other place closed to motor vehicles, persons and pedestrian traffic;
- (3) To impose a curfew upon all or any portion of the city as designated therein as the mayor may deem advisable during such hours of the day or night as the mayor determines necessary in the interest of the public safety and welfare, and during which all persons shall remove themselves to their places of residence and remain off and away from the public streets, sidewalks, parkways, parks and all other public or open places, and no persons shall assemble, gather, loiter or otherwise congregate in any manner in groups, assemblies or meetings in any place for any purpose whatsoever; provided, however, that persons performing medical services, essential public utility services, public officials, police officers, firefighters, and all other persons explicitly enumerated in such proclamation may be exempted from curfew;
- (4) To order the closing of any and all business establishments throughout the city or any portion thereof during the period for which the state of emergency exists or during the curfew hours;
- (5) To order all regular, special and auxiliary police officers, firefighters and other conservators of the peace to report for duty assignment, such reporting to be in accordance with prearranged plans or under the direction of lawful authority; and
- (6) To issue orders deemed necessary to protect life and property and to preserve critical resources within the purposes of this ordinance.

Authenticated as Adopted

This ____ day of _____, 2020

Quinton D. Lucas
Mayor

Filed with me, the City Clerk of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, this ____ day of _____, 2020,
by Mayor Quinton D. Lucas, whose signature I hereby attest.

Marilyn Sanders
City Clerk